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- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
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 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

U.S. Patent No. 5,456,333 corresponds to JP 7-4521.

5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
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	AA	5,456,333	10/1995	Brandt et al.				
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	AJ	7-4521	1/1995	JP			Abstract	
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	AL	1-303347	12/1989	JP			Abstract	
	AM	2001-146928	5/2001	JP			Abstract	
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